

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~In~~ Apparatus for a first communication station operable in a communication system comprising a sending-receiving entity pair which that utilizes a selected signaling protocol to effectuate signaling ~~between of~~ between of a first communication station ~~and a second communication station, an improvement of said~~ apparatus for selectably facilitating deletion of dictionary content stored at a first-station dictionary device associated with the first communication station, the first-station dictionary utilized pursuant to effectuation of the signaling ~~between the first and second communication stations, respectively,~~ said apparatus comprising:

a first dictionary content deletion selector coupled to the first-station dictionary device, said first dictionary content deletion selector for selecting which, if any, portion of the dictionary content stored at the first-station dictionary device is to be deleted, selection made by said first dictionary content deletion selector responsive at least to an indication of additional dictionary content to be added to the first-station dictionary device, selection made by said first dictionary content deletion selector made in implicit synchronicity to delete corresponding portions, in amount and location, pursuant to synchronous operation of the sending-receiving entity pair.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the first-station dictionary stores indicia representative of signaling generated pursuant to effectuation of the signaling protocol, each indicia of an indicia size and wherein the indication of the additional dictionary content responsive to which said first dictionary content deletion selector is operable comprises an indication of the indicia size of the additional dictionary content to be added to the first-station dictionary device.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the indicia size of each indicia is defined in terms of a byte size, and wherein the indication of the additional dictionary content responsive to which said first dictionary content deletion selector is operable comprises an indication of the byte size of the additional dictionary content to be added to the first-station dictionary device.

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the dictionary content stored at the first-station dictionary device is defined in terms of byte sizes, and wherein the selection made by said first dictionary content deletion selector is further responsive to an indication of the byte sizes of the dictionary content stored at the first-station dictionary device.

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4 wherein the first-station dictionary device comprises a memory element at which the dictionary content is stored, wherein the memory element exhibits a memory capacity definable in terms of bytes, and wherein the indication of the byte sizes of the dictionary content stored at the first-station dictionary device is representative of the memory capacity of the memory element less the byte sizes of the dictionary content stored at the first-station dictionary device.

6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein said first dictionary content deletion selector further determines, responsive to the indication of the dictionary content stored at the first-station dictionary device and to the indication of the additional dictionary content to be added to the first-station dictionary device whether memory capacity is available at the memory element of the first-station dictionary device and, responsive thereto, for selecting which, if any, portion of the dictionary content stored at the first-station dictionary device is to be deleted.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the first-station dictionary device comprises a FIFO (first-in, first-out)-structured memory device and wherein the dictionary content, if any, selected by said first dictionary content deletion selector to be deleted comprises first-in dictionary content.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the first-in dictionary content is selected to be deleted in amounts corresponding to amounts for the additional dictionary content indicated to be added to the first-station dictionary device.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the first-station dictionary device is embodied at an entity having both a compressor for compressing an outgoing protocol signal originated at the first communication station and a decompressor for decompressing an incoming message originated at the second communication station, wherein the first-station dictionary device is coupled to both the compressor and the decompressor, and wherein the indication of the additional dictionary content responsive to which said first dictionary content deletion selector makes the selection, includes additional dictionary content associated with either incoming and outgoing messages.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the first-station dictionary device is embodied at an entity having a compressor for compressing an outgoing protocol signal originated at the first communication station, wherein the first-station dictionary device includes a first portion coupled to the compressor, and wherein the indication of the additional dictionary content responsive to which the said first dictionary content deletion selector makes the selection includes additional dictionary content associated with the outgoing protocol signal.

11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the sending-receiving entity pair comprises a second communication station with which the first communication effectuates the signaling and wherein the entity at which the first-station dictionary device is embodied further has a decompressor for decompressing an incoming protocol signal originated at the second communication station, wherein the first-station dictionary device further includes a second portion coupled to the decompressor, and wherein the indication of the additional dictionary content responsive to which said first dictionary content deletion selector makes the selection includes additional dictionary content associated with the incoming protocol signal.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~In the communication system~~ The apparatus of claim 1[[,]] wherein the sending-receiving entity pair comprises a second communication station and wherein the apparatus further selectably facilitates deletion of dictionary content stored at ~~a~~ the second-station dictionary device associated with the second communication station, the second-station dictionary also utilized pursuant to effectuation of the signaling between the first and second communication stations, said apparatus further comprising:

a second dictionary content deletion selector coupled to the second-station dictionary device, said second dictionary content deletion selector for selecting which, if any, portion of the dictionary content stored at the second-station dictionary device is to be deleted, selection made by said second dictionary content deletion selector responsive at least to an indication of additional dictionary content to be added to the second station dictionary device.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein said first dictionary content deletion selector and said second dictionary content deletion selector are synchronously operable during a communication session during which the signaling protocol is effectuated between the first communication station and the second communication station.

14. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein said first dictionary content deletion selector and said second dictionary content deletion selector are ~~implicitly synchronously~~ operable during the communication session, free of explicit signaling therebetween separate from the signaling protocol.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the signaling protocol effectuated between the first communication station and the second communication station comprises a first signaling protocol message and at least a second signaling protocol message originated at the second communication station and sent to the first communication station, each of the first and at least second signaling protocol messages identified by a sequence number, and wherein selection made by said first dictionary content deletion selector is further responsive to the sequence number of the additional dictionary content formed of at least one of the first and at least second

signaling protocol messages.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~In a~~ A method for communicating in a communication system comprising a sending-receiving entity pair that ~~which~~ utilizes a selected signaling protocol to effectuate signaling between ~~of~~ a first communication station ~~and a second communication station, an improvement of a~~ of the sending-receiving entity pair, said method for selectably facilitating deletion of dictionary content stored at a first-station dictionary device associated with the first communication station, the first-station dictionary utilized pursuant to effectuation of the signaling ~~between the first and second communication stations, respectively,~~ said method comprising the operations of:

detecting an indication of additional dictionary content to be added to the first-station dictionary device; and

selecting, at least responsive to the indication detected during said operation of detecting, which, if any, portion of the dictionary content stored at the first-station dictionary device is to be deleted, selection made in implicit synchronicity to delete corresponding portions, in amount and location, pursuant to synchronous operation of the sending-receiving entity pair.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16 further comprising the operation of deleting the portion of the dictionary content stored at the first-station dictionary device selected during said operation of selecting.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~In the~~ The method for communicating of claim 16, wherein the sending-receiving entity pair comprises a second communication station, said method for selectably facilitating deletion of dictionary content is further for selectably facilitating deletion of dictionary content stored at a second-station dictionary device associated with the second communication station, the second-station dictionary also utilized pursuant to effectuation of the signaling between the first and second communication stations, said method comprising:

detecting an indication of additional dictionary content to be added to the second station dictionary device; and

selecting, at least responsive to the indication of the additional dictionary content to be added to the second-station dictionary device, which, if any, portion of the dictionary content stored at the second-station dictionary device is to be deleted.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein said operations of selecting are synchronously performed during a communication session during which the signaling protocol is effectuated between the first communication station and the second communication station.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19 wherein said operations of selecting are ~~implicitly-synchronously~~ performed[[,]] free of explicit signaling separate from the signaling protocol.